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Remarks:

This amendment was previously submitted as an attachment to Schofield Substantive Motion 2 and Schofield Substantive Motion 3 in Patent Interference No. 105,325. The Interference is completed and Applicants request entry of the amendments and the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement when the application is returned to the Examiner. Applicants have canceled claim 99 herein and without prejudice.

Applicants hereby claim the priority benefits under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120, basing the claim of priority on U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/227,344, filed January 8, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,302,545, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/478,093, filed on June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,877,897, which is a continuation-in-part of International PCT Application No. PCT/US94/01954, which designates the United States and which was filed February 25, 1994 and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/023,918, filed February 26, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,550,677.

Applicants submit the above amendment to the specification to effect the change in priority claim of the present application so that the present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. pat. application Ser. No. 09/227,344, filed Jan. 8, 1999. The present application shares common inventors with the '344 patent application and was copending with the '344 patent application, such that the change in priority claim is proper. Applicants submit that the time requirements set forth in 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2)(ii) do not apply to the present application, since the present application was filed before November 29, 2000.

Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement listing references for consideration by the Examiner. The enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement lists the references that were cited by counsel for Junior Party Stam in Interference No. 105,325, along with other references for consideration by the Examiner. The other cited references were considered during prosecution of the parent patent applications.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the information cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and return an initialed copy of the forms to confirm the Examiner's consideration of the cited information. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c)(2), a check in the amount of \$180 is also enclosed to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

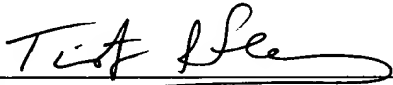
Entry and approval of the amendment and consideration of the cited references is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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